

Rainroot fern

The Rain-Root Stair

THREE FORMS



Folded Rainroot

A rolled 6 cm crozier holds one bead of water at its cupped tip.



Drip-Cupped Rainroot

Two 12 cm fronds open on different axes, each carrying three separate water cups.



Rainroot Crown

Five broad fronds form an 18 cm crown around a dark central hollow.

Three authored forms of an imagined species. Illustrations are not to a common scale.

Habitat

Damp limestone beside the Rain-Root Stair's narrow water groove. The fern cups sit beside the dry tread, where individual drops gather along exposed roots.

Identifying features

Copper-veined fern with broad curled tips that hold individual drops; fronds up to 18 cm; indigo stems and pale mineral undersides.

Character & musical voice

First cupping, then collecting, then distributing drops through its leaf crown. Soft root pluck with a bright water transient.